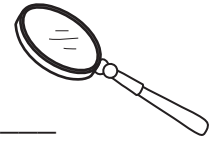


# Close Reading Checklist



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## First Reading What does it say?

- Read the title and make a prediction about the text.
- After reading, think about what the text is mostly about.
- Talk to a partner and share your thoughts and ideas.

## Second Reading How does the text work?

- Highlight the title and/or headings.
- Underline the topic sentences.
- Circle powerful words and phrases.
- Draw a ★ next to any important ideas.
- Put a ? next to confusing parts.  
Write your thoughts in the margin.

## Third Reading What does it mean?

*While reading, think about the following questions:*

- What is the purpose of the text?
- What is the main idea?
- What evidence supports the main idea?
- What are your own thoughts and opinions?
- How does this text connect to other texts?

What is the purpose of this text?

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What is the main idea?

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What evidence in the text supports the main idea? Record specific quotes.

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What are your thoughts?

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How does this text connect to other texts?

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